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Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and Members of the Public Health Committee

In Support of SB 1089 An Act Concerning Mental Health Services

This letter is testimony in SUPPORT of SB 1089 (sections 23-29) in favor of licensure of behavior analysts in the state of Connecticut. It is important that licensure be established for a growing field of experts who provide behavioral services to children and adults with special needs and behavior disorders.

People impersonating behavior analysts are a threat to the safety of our children and others who rely on us to act in their best interest. I urge you to pass this bill for protection of individuals with mental illnesses, developmental issues, autism, and related disorders.

Stacy Lore by example, stole countless hours of care from children while posing as a behavior analyst in a Public School special needs program. It is imperative that we establish a license for professionals who provide services to helpless children and adults who trust us to advocate for them.

Please support SB 1089 (sections 23-29) in favor of licensure for behavior analysts.

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